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SUBJ: SOUTH KOREAN INTEREST IN NORTH KOREAN OBSERVER OFFICE  
PROPAGANDA ACTIVITY

REF: (A) USUN 041; (B) USUN 773

1. THE ROK OBSERVER OFFICE RECENTLY HAS EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST TO USUN ABOUT LATTER'S PROTEST TO UN SECRETARIAT REGARDING MAILING OF UNSOLICITED PROPAGANDA MATERIAL BY NORTH KOREA'S OBSERVER OFFICE (REFTELS).

2. USUN HAS PROVIDED ROK OBSERVER OFFICE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM IN THIS RESPECT:

"MEMORANDUM (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY) MARCH 10, 1976.

ON JANUARY 7, 1976 USUN CALLED ON THE UN SECRETARIAT TO REQUEST THE SECRETARIAT TO ASK THE DPRK OBSERVER OFFICE TO STOP CIRCULATING IN THE U.S. UNSOLICITED PROPAGANDA MATERIAL UNRELATED TO UN ACTIVITIES. AN EXAMPLE OF THIS ACTIVITY (MAILING OF THEATRICAL MATERIALS) BY THE NORTH KOREANS WAS GIVEN THE SECRETARIAT. USUN EMPHASIZED THAT THIS ACTIVITY WAS INAPPROPRIATE FOR AN OBSERVER OFFICE, THE MORE SO IN THE ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY. USUN RECALLED THE SECRETARIAT'S HELPFUL INTERVENTION WITH THE NORTH KOREANS IN THE SPRING OF 1975 WHICH ENDED ATTRIBUTION TO THE DPRK OBSERVER OFFICE

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OF ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE NEW YORK TIMES.

SUBSEQUENTLY, THE SECRETARIAT WROTE THE DPRK OBSERVER OFFICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH USUN'S REQUEST. THE SECRETARIAT'S LETTER CONVEYED THE U.S. VIEW THAT UNSOLICITED MAILINGS TO PRIVATE U.S. RESIDENTS OF MATERIALS UNCONNECTED WITH UN MATTERS IS UNACCEPTABLE IN THE CASE OF AN OBSERVER OFFICE REPRESENTING A STATE WITH WHICH THE U.S. DOES NOT MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE. THE SECRETARIAT'S LETTER ENDED BY ASKING IF THE NORTH KOREANS WISHED TO MAKE A REPLY FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

THE NORTH KOREANS REPORTEDLY HAVE NOT REPLIED TO THE SECRETARIAT'S LETTER."  
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